

ARTICLES

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 6TH, 1876.

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurymen selected by the Selectmen.
- ARTICLE 3. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and General School Committee, and act thereon.
- ARTICLE 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- ARTICLE 5. To choose a member of the General School Committee for one year, to fill the vacancy made by the death of I. F. Conkey, Esq.
- ARTICLE 6. To choose an Elector under the provisions of the will of the late Oliver Smith.
- ARTICLE 7. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.
- ARTICLE 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the year ensuing, and to make appropriations of the same.
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the free Public Libraries in Amherst.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to help defray the public expenses of Decoration Day.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will accept the Street called Spaulding street, as a public highway.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will accept the Street leading North near S. W. Whitney's as a public highway.
- ARTICLE 13. To see what action the town will take about a room for the Town Officers.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen^{and} Overseers of the Poor

AND ASSESSORS

FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

AMHERST, MASS.:

H. M. McCLOUD, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

1877.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE BETTER MAINTAINING ORDER IN TOWN MEETING.

1st. The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in reference to others; and shall decide all questions of order.

2d. When any voter shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided one-third of the voters present are in favor of it.

3d. He shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall be first.

4th. When a question is put under debate, the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to an hour certain, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

5th. When two or more happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who shall speak first.

6th. No voter shall speak more than three times on one question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting; nor more than twice until others who have not spoken, shall speak, if they desire it.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed and announced by the Moderator, unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting.

8th. When any voter shall make a motion, and such motion shall be seconded by another, the same shall be received and considered by the meeting, and not otherwise.

9th. When a vote has passed, it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof; and when a motion of reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered.

10th. No one shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another while any one is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the Moderator and the person speaking.

11th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator desires it.

12th. Any voter may call for a division of the question, where the sense will admit of it.

13th. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

14th. When a vote is doubted, the voters for or against the question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they shall be counted.

15th. Individuals while speaking shall stand uncovered, and address the Moderator.

16th. No person shall be permitted to stand on the seats.

17th. A motion to adjourn without date, shall be debatable; but a motion to adjourn to a day certain, shall not be debatable.

18th. No person shall be permitted to smoke in this house.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor have the honor to present herewith their Annual Report for the year ending March 1st, 1877.

There stands recorded a vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting of March, 1874, restricting the Selectmen from exceeding in their expenditures any of the appropriations, without first calling the Town together for instructions. During the year, after having been petitioned for by the requisite number of citizen tax-payers, we called two special town meetings, to see if the Town would allow the Selectmen to use the money already raised from licenses, etc., in those departments that were deficient. We can say that we have not deviated in any case whatever from the instructions given, nor exceeded any of the appropriations to a great extent, without first making it known to the Town according to the above described vote.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

At the close of the season for working on highways, they were left in much better condition and repair than we could possibly have expected at the beginning. With the limited amount to do with, we have accomplished much work, and not many seasons have the highways been in so good repair, nor has there been so little complaint, and we think we have gone through the year with just as good roads, and very much better at the ends of the Town. At almost every part of the South end they have been thoroughly inspected and promptly seen to when out of order. In comparison with highways in other towns they are far superior, and equal to any portion of our

own. The appropriations for highways and sidewalks compared with a few of the past years, is as follows :

Appropriation for 1869,	\$3,500
“ “ 1870,	3,500
“ “ 1871,	3,300
“ “ 1872,	3,400
“ “ 1873,	2,300
“ “ 1874,	3,300
“ “ 1875,	2,500
“ “ 1876,	1,750

From the above figures it may be seen that we are steadily coming to a safe foundation and an economical basis, although we have been obliged to use every precaution in saving and making the money hold out as long and go as far towards the work and improvements as the circumstances and times would permit. Yet, claiming as we do, and as we have said above, that the highways are in just as good order as they were in those years, with a greater appropriation, we claim no honor and ask no praise for the great change wrought of nearly fifty per cent. less, and leave the matter with you to say what shall be your future action.

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Like the highway appropriation, this account has shared very heavily its proportion of reduction in the Town expenses. To express to you in the plainest possible manner, we make the following statement similar to that of highways. There was appropriated for bridges in 1867, \$1,000, and a like sum for each year until 1875 the amount was reduced to \$500; last spring, 1876, the appropriation was \$300, a reduction of 70 per cent. We have, however, with great care and exertion, gone along through the year, kept the bridges in very good repair and the railings well up. We recommend that there be a greater sum allowed to this department the coming year, as there are some old bridges at the North end of the Town which will need re-building.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

This has been the first year of any public concrete sidewalks in Town. Some unknown, enterprising, public-spirited person donated and paid \$500, with the condition that the Town should pay as much more. This sum of \$1,000 should then pay for half the expense of any concrete sidewalks, the abutters or property owners adjoining, paying the other half. By so doing, a fund of \$2,000 was very soon created by citizens living in various parts of the village readily subscribing to a contract agreeing to pay their half. The sidewalk law, chapter 107 of the acts of 1874, not having been accepted by the Town, we could not assess the abutters for any portion of the expense, and did not find it necessary. More petitions and applications came to us for these walks than we had money for, and we regretted that we could not place more in those streets where they were so much needed. In using our judgment for their distribution through the Town, we aimed to place them where the public most required them, and where they were most used, by leaving no principal street without some, (if only for a sample), that all could have an opportunity to learn of their advantage during the long, muddy season. Nearly every person in Town passes and re-passes many times between the Post Office and Phoenix Row, and can fairly judge of the comfort and convenience these walks are to the public. There has been laid some over 3,000 yards, and from the Post Office to Spring street across the Common, paid for by subscription. After making great inquiry of people in different places where these walks had been used for some years, and who by experience had a chance to learn of the quality and kind best for durability, we felt we were correct in contracting with C. W. Lynam & Co., from Brookline, who lays down the soft walk; and we can say that they have done by us in every particular, through all the stages of the work, as agreed. This year has been only a beginning. We recommend that a similar amount be appropriated to this department for the coming season, feeling assured that the use of the walks this year will justify us, and satisfy you in so doing.

LOCK-UP AND NIGHT POLICE.

This year, as in previous ones, our night policeman has been ap-

pointed the Lock-up keeper and had charge of the tramps at the station house. There have been 16 prisoners, and the total number of tramps were 233, an increase of 18 over the number last year. These have been fed and cared for at an expense to the Town under the pauper account, which helps reduce that appropriation. The tramp has become an almost intolerable nuisance and an expense it seems unwise to bear, but to send them away without food and lodging would only turn them loose on the public. No one cares to harbor or to feed, and but few wish to encounter any of this floating population. The robberies, murders and incendiaries are almost invariably traced to the tramp. We can scarcely glance at any of our daily papers but the first item gives an account of some horrible crime or depredation committed by these villainous scoundrels. We have sometimes had 14 at our station house in one night, and it has occurred a number of times through the year, and not many nights without one or more. Who is there but recollects the murder of Moses B. Dickinson, only a little over a year ago, and the murderer not yet apprehended? Who cares to have 233 thieves, murderers and incendiaries floating about Town, about the farmer's homes during the year? Who likes to think of themselves and families murdered, their buildings burned and property stolen? These things do occur; they have occurred in our midst, and are likely to again. In asking for the same protection that has been supplied for the past few years, of one night policeman, who also cares for, lights up, and puts out the street lamps, we deem the request quite modest in this growing time of evil, and hope it will be granted.

CEMETERIES.

Our Cemeteries have never looked as well nor have they been kept in as good order as they have this year. To obtain funds for the West Center the citizens very generously subscribed (\$200) towards its care, and under the direction of a committee of Ladies the work of cleanliness and beautifying went on nearly to perfection. None could see but to approve, and for the exertions of the Ladies in this good work of improvement too much cannot be said in their praise. We again call the attention of the Town to the amount of funds procured from sale of lots and if it is promptly paid in by those who

purchase, and is judiciously expended, the sum would seem nearly sufficient to care for and keep the Cemeteries in good order.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Very soon after our last annual Town meeting a fire took place in, and destroyed Union Block building. Since then, during the year, fires have occurred frequently and destroyed a great amount of property. The amount taken from our valuation is a severe loss, which falls on other property to be assessed in raising taxes. Every house or building burned is a great loss to the Town and to the taxpayers. Our Fire Engineers and Firemen have had more than the usual amount of work to do, with very poor tools and a great deficiency of apparatus to do with. After the first fire last Spring we were notified by the Engineers of the immediate pressing need of more hose. We procured 300 feet, which seemed like an addition to their present supply; the old hose, however, is so very old and rotten it cannot be trusted and only a limited amount of force can be applied to the engine when it is attached. On several occasions, at fires, the use of the new hose has reminded us of the wisdom in procuring it, and we felt justified in purchasing axes, saws, chains, crowbars, rams and ropes, that the firemen may have a little better chance to accomplish a good result at any future fire.

PAUPERS AND RELIEF TO POOR.

Our outside poor, and particularly those who have gained a settlement under the Military law of 1870, are a great expense to the Town and trouble to the overseers; in most cases they are in cities or other towns away from here, and their exact history of settlement or residence cannot be found unless it is learned by examination, or otherwise than by correspondence. In case of sickness with these persons that are living away from the Alms House, the expense is likely to be great, and as experience has shown, three or more times as much as if quartered there. There seems to be no diminution on the poor account, the amount of money required for their care during the year no one can tell; it is the most uncertain department and the most work for the officers, if well done, as it should be. It surely has to be done, and it takes a large amount of time, and many

vexatious questions and subjects to encounter. However, we have got along with the strict attention that we have paid to all cases of poor that have applied to us for assistance, rendered them aid and comfort, and believe generally to their satisfaction. Using judgment as to the extent of help needed we have turned none away where in our opinion circumstances were such as to cause them to ask for help, and in no case unless we discovered deception or fraud. It is quite an easy matter for the Military pauper to impose on the overseers of the poor, whether he be the genuine soldier or not, if he only holds the correct paper, even if he has stolen it, to claim a residence and obtain a winter's board, out of any town this honorable discharge directs him to belong. Our Town farm property has suffered much for the want of water, perhaps not more than any of its neighbors. The water famine seems very severe at the south end of the town, and causes much uneasiness in case of fire, and great trouble to obtain water for stock. The stock throughout are looking well, and generally crops have been good, except the potato crop, which has been a failure. The care of the farm and poor have been under the management and direction of Mr. Orren Sykes, the same as last year, and we can cheerfully say, as we did then, it has been well done.

The following persons have died who have been supported by the Town since our last report: Mrs. Laura B. Morse, aged 54; Charles Rust, died in Boston, aged 73; Richard Matthews, aged 63; Mrs. Ganzy Ballou, died in Worcester.

In presenting for your consideration and acceptance the following report of our doings for the past year, we return to you our sincere thanks for the patience and forbearance you have many times had reason to have with us, and in those difficult places where counsel and advice were much needed we have not been alone, but found you always ready and willing to guide us on, and fit us ready for action. For the office we have held by your courtesy for the past two years, and some of our number for a longer period, we thank you for the honor conferred upon us.

C. W. LESSEY, } *Selectmen*
H. INGRAM, } *of*
A. P. MERRICK, } *Amherst.*

LIST OF JURYMEN FOR 1877.

Adams, Asa	Gaskill, Chester
Adams, Charles	Hayward, Charles E.
Allen, M. A.	Haskins, James E.
Allen, Geo. W.	Hobart, J. W.
Atkins, Geo. E.	Irish, P. E.
Baker, Edward J.	Ingram, R. D. C.
Baker, Enos	Ingram, Austin
Bassett, Wm. S.	Ingram, William
Belden, Horace	Johnson, Wm. F.
Bridgman, R. B.	Johnson, Silas O.
Bridgman, Harlan P.	Kellogg, F. B.
Brown, J. B.	Kendrick, Geo. S.
Brown, C. T.	Lincoln, R. S.
Clifford, Henry M.	Losey, A. W.
Cooley, Alden	Marsh, M. M.
Cowles, Almon E.	McCloud, M. L.
Clark, Edwin J.	Merrick, Jonathan
Cowles, Ransom	Merrick, L. H.
Couch, O. G.	Marsh, Baxter
Commins, Horace	Osgood, Charles M.
Curtis, S. H.	Owen, Wm. C.
Cushman, Moses E.	Rawson, J. A.
Converse, Daniel	Roberts, Lowell
Dana, Horace D.	Robinson, A. J.
Dana, Joseph L.	Smith, W. W.
Davis, E. A.	Smith, Samuel
Dickinson, Charles	Spear, Lewis J.
Dutton, Alonzo	Spear, E. P.
Dwight, Nelson	Smith, Wm. Burkley
Eastman, Wm.	Stetson, Henry M.
Eaton, Darius	Spaulding, P. D.
Ellis, Wm.	Thurston, Lorenzo E.
Gallond, J. Homer	Wait, Geo. A.
	Wales, Henry J.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1876.

For Schools,	\$8,812 87
Paupers,	2,297 04
Highways,	1,871 85
Sidewalks,	2,091 41
Bridges,	301 85
Fire Department,	923 18
Contingent Expenses,	1,001 43
Town Officers,	1,023 18
Cemeteries,	222 93
School Bonds,	770 00
Military Bonds,	764 16
Agricultural Bonds,	2,570 00
Interest Money,	11,140 67
Police and Lamps,	760 53
Public Library,	300 00

Town of Amherst

TOWN EXPENSES.

STATE AID. (MONEY BORROWED).

Expended for twelve different families, \$639 00

BILLS OF 1875 - PAID IN 1876.

Goodell Children, Paupers,	140 00
N. Jennings, “	13 00
Mrs. Dickinson, “	13 00
J. Franklin, “	12 00
C. Jennings, “	15 00
P. D. Spaulding, wood,	8 06
O. Sikes, warden,	75 00
C. E. Hutchinson, cemetery,	3 50
S. Holland & Son, lamps, &c.,	24 88
Delano & Hammond, legal services,	200 00
S. H. Curtiss, coal,	10 75
E. B. Eastman, for school,	6 87
W. W. Hunt, furnace, “	112 70
S. Holland & Son, sundries, “	13 55
L. R. Chapin, labor, “	5 58
M. L. McCloud, “ “	7 30
L. M. Scott, “ “	3 85
J. L. Gallond, “	5 25
J. A. Rawson, “	3 60
E. Nelson, “	38 10
W. W. Smith, constable service,	27 55
T. W. Sloan, “	10 00

Collector of taxes, 1875,	9 42	
D. W. Palmer, auditor,	5 00	
G. H. Prince, for school,	2 00	
Miss Dexter, water, "	3 44	
T. M. Armstrong, school,	14 47	
H. M. McCloud, advertising,	11 25	
D. Graves & Co., school,	3 00	
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Centennial Celebration,	260 00	
" Historical Address,	100 00	
	<hr/>	360 00

SCHOOL BOND AND INTEREST.

Paid for Bond No. 16 and interest,	\$770 00
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MILITARY BOND AND INTEREST.

Paid for Bond No. 13 and interest,	\$748 00
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AGRICULTURAL BOND AND INTEREST.

Paid for Bond No. 59 and interest,	\$1,066 50
Appropriation, \$2,520; unexpended, \$1,503.50	
to meet three Bonds, \$500 each, due May 1.	

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Balance due,	\$ 85 48	
State Treasurer interest on 18 notes,	3,820 00	
Franklin Savings Institution,	3,500 00	
Amherst Savings Bank,	3,167 87	
Amherst National Bank,	121 44	
Mrs. Sarah Holmes,	12 25	
" S. Emerson,	57 35	
Pacific Lodge,	59 50	
H. Ingram,	78 95	
Mrs. E. H. Dickinson,	54 71	
George Baker,	70 00	
Appleton King,	128 33	
S. C. Carter,	9 57	
	<hr/>	11,165 45

OLD DEBTS OR NOTES.

Paid Wm. E. Dickinson, in full,	\$ 535 00	
Mrs. Sarah Holmes, "	200 00	
Appleton King, "	1,500 00	
Mrs. Sarah Emerson, in part,	100 00	
George Baker, "	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,435 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Paid H. Ingram,	\$1,000 00	
S. C. Carter,	300 00	
First National Bank,	7,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,300 00

STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAX.

Paid State Tax,	\$2,538 00	
County Tax and Interest,	3,604 36	
Bank Tax,	1,154 72	
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ASSESSORS' ABATEMENTS.

Paid S. Cummins,	\$2 40	
J. Stetson,	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$4 00

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid Amherst Center Library,	\$200 00	
North Amherst Free Library,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

CEMETERIES.

Unexpended balance of 1875,	\$ 4 93	
Appropriation of 1876,	100 00	
From sale of Lots, West Cemetery,	103 00	
" " " North "	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$222 93

EXPENDED.

H. Holland, glass for hearse,	\$ 58	
J. P. Gray, labor in West Cemetery,	38 62	
O. M. Clapp, " " "	17 00	
Harvey White, for fences and hearse,	97 75	
	<u>153 95</u>	
Unexpended Balance,	\$ 68 98	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, 1876, \$923 18

EXPENDED.

Paid G. Cutler & Co., 2 dozen pails,	\$ 5 00	
Cataract Engine Company,	334 00	
H. K. Baker, 301 feet leather hose,	303 00	
Freight above and couplings,	50	
Norwich Belt Company, repairing hose,	22 45	
Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company,	150 00	
Freight of hose,	2 97	
W. Smith, box of charges,	4 50	
C. E. Hutchinson, straps and oil,	9 00	
H. Holland, rope and pails,	20 81	
H. White, drawing engine,	13 50	
C. W. Lessey, chains,	17 92	
H. Holland, axes, ropes and bars,	22 54	
T. W. Sloan, straps,	5 40	
Dickinson & Lee, repairing engine,	6 85	
	<u>918 44</u>	
Unexpended,	\$4 74	

TOWN OFFICERS.

Unexpended balance, 1875,	\$ 23 18	
Appropriation, 1876,	1,000 00	
	<u>1,023 18</u>	

EXPENDED.

C. W. Lessey, Assessor,	\$147 21	
J. E. Merrick, "	81 00	
M. W. Howard, "	98 50	326.71
C. W. Lessey, Selectman,	150 00	
H. Ingram, "	100 00	
A. P. Merrick, "	67 74	317.74
G. B. Gallond, Constable,	24 50	
Return of marriages, births and deaths,	44 00	
Town Clerk and Treasurer, services,	100 00	
S. C. Carter, Assessors' Clerk,	10 00	
T. W. Sloan, Constable,	7 50	
Postal Cards and Stamps,	1 00	
	<u>831 45</u>	
	\$191 73	

NIGHT POLICE AND STREET LAMPS.

Unexpended Balance, 1875,	\$ 9 53	
Appropriation, 1876,	400 00	
" " "	350 00	
Received from a prisoner,	1 00	
	<u>760 53</u>	

EXPENDED.

F. A. Thayer, services,	\$103 50	
L. A. Williams, Lock-up keeper,	100 00	
L. A. Williams, " " 10 mos., Mar. 1,	354 50	
Enos Baker, extra Fire Police,	32 00	
Eber Benjamin, "	1 80	
H. White, "	1 80	
G. Henry, "	1 80	
E. Smith, "	1 80	
W. Stack, "	1 80	
L. Shumway, "	1 80	
J. Wood, "	1 80	
T. B. Whitney, "	1 80	

C. A. Hawley, extra Fire Police,	1 80	
S. W. Whitney, "	3 50	
S. W. Woodward, "	2 75	
S. H. Curtiss, 2 1-2 tons coal for Lock-up,	25 95	
H. Holland, oil, lamps, etc.,	29 66	
E. J. Wheaton, oil,	12 60	
L. M. Williams, repairs at Lock-up,	1 88	
H. Holland, oil, glass, etc.,	67 46	
		\$750 00
		\$10 53

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

D. S. Warner, work,	\$ 3 00
W. O. Buffum, stone,	54 55
Henry Shaw, work,	49 12
Geo. W. Allen, trap,	2 25
J. M. Cutter, work,	4 50
John McCarty, 2d, "	75
Leander M. Dickinson, "	1 50
Henry Holland, tools,	5 10
Geo. H. Prince, work,	235 87
Noah Dickinson, "	14 50
J. P. Gray, "	115 50
Chester Williams, teams and gravel,	114 13
Wilbur Davis, work,	7 50
Dennis Cashman, "	3 00
Wm. Hoar, "	1 05
A. P. Brown, "	60
James Kelley, "	3 00
Mathew Coleman, "	4 50
Michael Mayher, "	1 50
Patrick Tool, "	3 00
Lorenzo S. Nash, "	1 17
E. P. Whitney, "	101 80
S. W. Whitney, gravel,	6 10
P. D. Spaulding, "	1 28

James Hastings, plow points,	2 61
Piper & Barrett, tools,	1 38
E. C. Davis, work,	50
E. C. Cook, blacksmithing,	80
J. C. Reed, work,	87 06
H. C. Commins, "	20 25
Wm. O. Graves, "	10 50
Fred D. Kellogg, "	1 80
Charles R. Dickinson, "	2 50
J. R. Cushman, gravel,	2 17
Warren King, work,	4 00
C. A. Eastman, "	53 24
John Chandler, "	14 25
Norman Porter, "	7 12
Harrison Ingram, paid work and teams,	75 25
Horace Cook, "	42 00
B. H. Taylor, work,	2 25
Henry Ross, "	1 50
Frank Hawley, "	60
Joseph W. Dana, "	8 42
Bridgman & Shaw, "	5 85
Wm. S. Bassett, "	15 00
H. D. Dana, "	27 75
Lorenzo E. Thurston, "	65 91
John W. Blodgett, "	2 55
A. W. Merrick, "	28 25
Chester Dickinson, "	10 95
Frank Pomeroy, "	75
James P. Smith, "	14 00
Wm. S. Westcott, "	8 00
Wm. Kellogg, tools,	1 34
H. C. Dickinson, work,	12 00
D. R. Thayer, "	30 60
Aaron Kelsey, "	2 00
R. H. Homer, "	2 33
Wm. F. Rogers, "	34 65
H. W. Haskins, "	2 50

N. S. Graves,	work,	12 30
Wm. Harkness,	"	1 50
Patrick Martin,	"	26 10
Ezra Ingram,	stone,	8 00
C. W. Lynam & Co.,	highway crossings	181 27
Thomas White,	work,	9 45
Michael Canovan,	"	3 75
Owen Courtney,	"	10 65
James Sharkey,	"	3 00
James White,	"	7 50
Elijah Ayres,	"	4 00
W. W. Smith,	"	13 00
Flavel Gaylord,	"	33 29
Michael McGrath,	"	1 50
Curtis Smith,	"	1 50
E. B. Lovett,	"	28 94
Luke Sweetser,	planks,	39 74
Chauncey Phelps,	work,	2 50
E. B. Eastman,	"	7 50
James Pierce,	"	6 00
Jonathan Cowles,	"	10 00
Dwight Johnson,	"	2 25
Daniel Dowd,	"	3 00
Patrick Linnehan,	"	1 50
J. W. Hobart,	plow points,	1 00
C. W. Lessey,	work,	11 75
H. J. Wales,	"	11 50
A. S. Dickinson,	"	4 87
W. A. Dickinson,	"	17 00
Henry Feeney,	"	3 00
Jerry Scannell,	"	3 00
Michael Brett,	"	9 00
Orren Sikes,	"	54 56
Ransom Cowles,	"	3 50
S. O. Johnson,	"	3 00
Amariah Dickinson,	"	4 50
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		\$1,873 25

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Unexpended, \$1 85, Appropriation, \$300, \$301 85

EXPENDED.

Silas Hawks, labor,	\$ 30
W. Mirick, stone,	13 00
G. A. Waite, labor,	2 50
G. H. Prince, plank,	6 54
J. Latham, labor,	5 00
W. Wescott, plank,	7 65
J. Cowles, plank,	39 20
H. Ingram, labor and lumber,	35 40
R. H. Howard, plank,	18 80
J. Beston, Jr., labor and lumber,	13 65
L. C. Thurston, plank,	19 69
M. Maloney, work,	1 80
C. Dickinson, Jr., work,	10 05
L. H. Merrick, plank,	17 53
T. Thurston, labor,	7 00
J. Haskins, labor,	2 50
C. W. Lessey, lumber,	19 80
E. P. Whitney, labor,	20 55
H. Cooke, labor,	19 40
O. Sykes, labor and plank,	17 55
J. A. Pierce, labor,	3 38
Jonathan Pierce, labor,	2 30
S. W. Whitney, gravel,	5 20
C. M. Stratton, work,	5 00
B. F. Tufts, work,	6 30
A. & N. Dwight, work,	2 98
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	\$303 07

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Received from a donor,	500 00
Received from abutters,	899 11
Due from abutters,	191 92
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	2,091 03

EXPENDED.

Paid C. W. Lynam & Co.,	\$1,996 40
J. S. & C. Adams, lumber,	39 74
Henry Shaw, labor,	29 77
P. Martin, labor,	6 37
W. Hastings, labor,	20 00
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	\$2,092 28
Expended over income	\$1 25

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance,	\$ 1 43
Appropriation,	1,000 00
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	\$1,001 43

EXPENDED.

W. E. Stebbins, horse hire,	\$ 2 00
H. M. McCloud, printing, advertising, &c.,	221 70
D. W. Palmer, hall rent,	179 00
Rent of Assessors' and Selectmen's rooms,	75 00
C. W. Bryan & Co., tax books,	10 00
Telegraph Company,	5 19
J. Graves, glass for lock-up,	75
H. White, labor on lock-up,	2 50
W. W. Hunt, tie,	46 24
Charles Smith, Elector,	20 00
M. N. Spear, stationery,	6 35
E. A. Davis, surveying,	50 00
Selectman and Overseer's expenses to Leominster,	
Brookline, Tewksbury, Bridgewater and Boston,	31 31
Insurance on Engine House,	35 62
Marsh & Young, lock,	75
S. P. Puffer, water tank,	10 00
J. Jameson, legal services,	23 00
C. R. Dickinson, watering trough,	2 00
W. W. Smith, Constable services,	10 90
Northampton Bridge, 3-25 repairs,	82 68

L. J. Spear, blacksmithing,	18 95
Jury, Fire Inquest,	41 64
C. W. Dana, return of deaths,	75
E. Heald, " "	1 50
A. Church, " "	2 00
Marsh & Young, " "	7 00
Dwight Thayer, labor,	23 47
S. E. Harrington, " "	1 20
W. W. Hunt, road tile,	65 00
Postage, expresses, &c.,	26 97
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	\$1,003 47
Overdrawn,	\$2 04

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

INMATES OF ALMS HOUSE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Norman Smith,	aged 63
Nancy Dickinson,	" 86
Harriet Williams,	" 61
Sophia Randolph,	" 51
Bridget Deignan,	" 65
Louisa Holden,	" 31
Louisa Morse, (deceased),	" 54
Widow Joseph Kellogg,	" 66
Richard Mathews, (deceased),	" 63
(Imposter) Shay,	" 65
Daniel Spellman,	" 71

TOWN FARM.

	PRODUCE SOLD.	PURCHASED.
1876. During February,	\$ 69 65	29 66
" March,	251 81	313 04
" April,	96 19	60 80
" May,	54 09	88 19
" June,	66 10	26 17
" July,	88 71	127 99
" August,	48 44	76 20

	PRODUCE SOLD.	PURCHASED.	
1876. During September,	\$58 80	\$52 22	
“ October,	89 23	53 47	
“ November,	28 67	32 78	
“ December,	30 28	29 99	
1877, “ January,	37 89	87 85	
	<u>\$919 86</u>	<u>\$978 36</u>	
		919 86	
		58 50	
Hired Farm labor,		\$93 24	
		<u>\$151 74</u>	

Dr.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY FEB. 3, 1877.

Stock on farm,	\$750 00
Hay, corn, oats and rye,	476 00
Wood, lumber and coal,	136 00
Provisions in cellar,	205 85
Household furniture,	400 00
Farm tools and implements,	315 00
	<u>\$2,282 85</u>
Farm produce sold,	\$919 86
Amount less on appraisal,	120 80
Appropriations and receipts,	2,297 04
	<u>3,337 70</u>
	<u>\$5,620 55</u>

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Appraisal of property, 1876,	\$2,403 65
Provisions and things bought,	978 36
Hired help on farm,	93 24
Warden's services, in part,	200 52
South Parish Church,	50 00
For outside poor,	1,319 79
Overseers' services,	182 26
	<u>\$5,227 82</u>

Total amount of cash on hand to pay out- standing orders due April 1st,	\$392 73
Balance Warden's services,	\$174 48
Doctor for town poor,	25 00
To insane hospital for Frazie,	50 00
Mrs. Newell Jennings,	13 00
Mrs. Mary Dickinson,	13 00
For support of Goodell children,	140 00
Johnson Franklin,	12 00
	<u>\$427 48</u>
	392 73
	<u>\$34 75</u>

Overrun,

The above contains no account of farm produce used at the farm for the family or inmates.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The total amount of non-taxable property in Town is,	\$899,500
The taxable property in 1875 was,	\$2,637,450
“ “ “ in 1876 was,	2,542,653

A decrease of \$94,797

Caused in part by the intention of the Assessors to lower the Valuation, and more by a general shrinkage of values. We have considered our Valuation too high for the past few years, and that being the case, in our annual settlement with the State, it has brought about an inequality and an injustice to the tax-payers of this Town, in comparison with those of others. To regulate and correct this evil, no other plan can be adopted but to lower somewhat the Valuation. And as we stated to you in our last Report that our State tax would be less, we can now make the following statement:

Our State Tax for 1875, was	\$4,440
Our State Tax for 1876, was	2,538

A decrease of \$1,902

It will be plainly seen that it is a great sum, and it is a wonderful advantage to the Town to attend to its business at the proper time, and correct all errors and oversights before the proper State officers. The State Tax Commissioner last year gave us a chance to be heard as to our Valuation, and to what effect may be seen by the above

figures. A reduction of very nearly 45 per cent. in our State Tax; and that is for the next ten years a saving to the Town of nearly \$2,000 each year, or at the above rate per cent. and time, \$20,000. At the last annual Town meeting we were directed to assess on the property in the Town, the following sums:

FOR 1876.

The rate of taxation, \$16 on each \$1,000.	
For Schools,	\$8,000 00
Paupers,	1,500 00
Highways and Sidewalks,	2,000 00
Bridges,	200 00
Fire Department,	600 00
Contingent Expenses,	1,000 00
Night Police and lamps,	400 00
Interest money,	11,100 00
School Bonds,	770 00
Military Bonds,	750 00
Agricultural Bonds,	2,520 00
Town Debt,	2,000 00
Public Libraries,	300 00
Outstanding orders,	600 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
County Tax,	3,595 97
State Tax,	2,538 00
Also 10 per cent.,	4,027 39
	\$43,001 36
Total Valuation,	\$2,542,653 00
Rate of assessment, 1.6.	
Amount assessed on property,	40,682 44
“ “ on polls,	1,872 00
“ “ on corporation,	600 00

Amount assessed on Bank shares,	1,100 00
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	\$44,254 44
Deduct overlayings,	1,253 08
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	\$43,001 36
The State Tax from this Town,	\$2,538 00
The County Tax from this Town,	3,595 97
Town Tax,	32,840 00
Ten per cent. added,	4,027 39
Overlayings,	1,253 08
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Committed to Collector,	\$44,254 44

	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
Number of dogs licensed,	148	158	157	130	134
Number of dogs killed,	5	4	8	6	9
Paid dog fund to County Treasurer,	\$278	\$302	\$300	\$237	\$247
Received back from County Treasurer,	\$210	\$149	\$199	\$141	\$137
Number of School children,	681	711	691	675	641
Number of Militia,	456	443	369	456	449
Number of Polls,	953	981	937	926	936
Number of dwelling houses,	720	740	746	753	749
Number of horses,	601	619	598	588	573
Number of cows,	832	911	905	900	913
Number of sheep,	605	664	653	569	668
Number of acres of land,				15,795	

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. LESSEY,	} Assessors.
J. E. MERRICK,	
M. W. HOWARD,	

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

GENTLEMEN :

The Town, at its annual meeting in March last, appropriated for the use of this department the sum of \$600. There was subsequently added, by vote of the Town, the sum of \$350. Total appropriations, \$950.

The following have been the expenses for the current year :

Cash overdrawn in 1875-6,	\$ 26 82
Paid members Cataract Engine Co.,	334 00
" Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co.,	150 00
George Cutler & Co., 2 dozen pails,	5 00
H. J. Baker, 301 feet hose,	303 50
Norwich Belt Co., repairs,	22 45
Freight N. L. R. R. Co.,	2 97
For charges for Fire Extinguisher,	4 50
C. E. Hutchinson, straps and oil,	9 00
H. Holland, for ropes and pails,	20 81
H. White, drawing engine,	13 50
C. W. Lessey, chains,	17 92
H. Holland, axes, bars, saws, etc.,	22 54
Dickinson & Lee, repairs on engine,	6 85
T. W. Sloan, straps,	5 40
Balance in Treasury,	4 74
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	\$950 00

The Selectmen appointed at the beginning of the year as a Board of Engineers :

E. A. THOMAS,	HENRY HOLLAND,
J. L. SKINNER,	JOHN A. PIERCE,
WATSON W. COWLES,	MOSES E. CUSHMAN,
T. M. ARMSTRONG,	HENRY E. JOHNSON,
MERRITT CROSSETT,	EDWARD HITCHCOCK,
LIEUT. C. A. L. TOTTEN,	W. E. STEBBINS.

The year 1876, in the history of Amherst, will be remembered for a long time as one of more than ordinary disasters as regards losses by fires. Hardly had the Board of Engineers in 1875 congratulated themselves and the public upon the good fortune of the Town, for the preceding year, so far as exemption from fire was concerned, when we were startled with successive alarms, beginning with the month of February and only ending in November last. Believing the first of these fires to be incendiary, the Board used every precaution possible to check their further appearance by calling the citizens together for consultation, at Palmer's Hall, which twice the torch of the incendiary had tried to lay in ashes, and also by a Fire Inquest, endeavoring to ferret out the cause of the fires which had already occurred. The whole number of fires in 1876 was ten. Value of property destroyed, \$41,472. Total insurance upon the same, \$29,447. The State Insurance Commissioner forwarded blanks to be filed in his department, after being properly made up by your Board, asking not only for the amount of losses and insurance upon the same, but inquiring into the causes of the several fires. Of the ten fires, six were reported as incendiary, two accidental or from causes unknown, one caused by lightning and one by a defective flue. The two last are really the only fires to which a correct answer can be given as to the origin. Amherst, however, is not alone peculiar in this respect, for an investigation into the losses in adjoining towns reveals the same fearful and dangerous state of affairs. Statistics show that yearly, in this country, nearly \$70,000,000 in value of property is consumed in this fearful waste. Whether enemies, tramps, over insurance, troublesome debts, spontaneous combustion, or extreme carelessness, be the cause of the large majority of these

fires, a thorough investigation by the proper authorities seems the best remedy and we believe in the end will work out the best results. We need not state to the Board that for several months, on account of the scarcity of water, we have had no adequate means of successfully contending with fires, liable at any moment to break out and destroy the most valuable portions of our town. Axes, saws, iron bars, chains, hooks, ropes and buckets have been supplied in abundance, and now we need a light carriage on which these articles may be placed ready for transportation in case of fire. The Board believe it the poorest sort of economy to neglect longer to provide much larger reservoirs than we now have in those portions of the town where valuable property is in danger. The annual revenue to the Town from the taxes of the property burned last year, property which has not yet been rebuilt, probably will not be for several years, and perhaps never will be, is a sum sufficient to build each year a reservoir three times as large as any within our town limits. We recommend the building, in the most exposed places, large reservoirs, and the purchase of a Steam Engine. The latter will be of no use without the former, and the reservoirs should at least be of three times the capacity of those we now have, to give reasonable security to the property owners of Amherst.

E. A. THOMAS,
Chief Engineer.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The Board of Managers of the Amherst Public Library submit their third annual report.

The financial embarrassment affecting all classes of the community reveal themselves in the history of the library for the year now closing. The income derived from gifts, the May Breakfast, etc., has been less than before, and the Managers have been able to purchase but few books.

There have been added by purchase 28 volumes, and by gift 83, nearly all of the latter coming from the library of the late Prof. Warner. During the year 170 cards have been issued to new borrowers, making a total of 1165 to whom cards have been issued since the library was opened. There have been delivered to these borrowers 12,867 books within the year.

It is gratifying that there has been an increase in the number of borrowers and of books taken out, notwithstanding the fact that few new books have been added to attract readers. The Managers have been mindful of the double office of a popular library, to furnish safe, wholesome and instructive reading for all classes of readers, and, so far as possible, to lead readers up from a poorer to a higher quality of books. A large number of the best books of travel, biography and history are in the library, and in the new catalogue, now in course of preparation, everything will be added to attract attention to the more substantial books that can be inserted without swelling the catalogue to a size beyond the means at the disposal of the Managers. The library should become an efficient adjunct to our schools.

Scholars come to it for aid in writing compositions and for books connected with their studies, and the Managers would be glad to supply all these calls for help.

Once more they suggest that in proportion to the fostering care given to the town's free library, will its influence and power be increased. They therefore earnestly commend it to all the friends of that progress and improvement which results from general intelligence, confident that by a wise liberality we shall secure in our library an educational agent with a constantly accumulating power to promote good morals, intelligence and refinement.

The Treasurer presents the following Report. As the annual meeting of the association was held in February instead of April as heretofore, the Report includes rent for only nine, and other expenses for ten months.

J. A. RAWSON, IN ACCOUNT WITH AMHERST LIBRARY.

DR.

By cash received from last year's account,		\$ 33 50
“ “ May Breakfast,		155 35
“ “ Town,		200 00
“ “ Dues, Catalogues, &c.,		34 84
“ “ Annual Fees and Subscriptions,		20 50
“ “ Other sources,		28 78
		\$472 97

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By cash paid for Care of Rooms,		\$ 65 55
“ “ Librarian,		62 50
“ “ Books, Magazines, and repair- ing of Books,		74 72
“ “ Rent of Rooms,		112 50
“ “ Fuel, oil and incidentals,		38 72
		353 99
Balance in the Treasury,		\$118 98

J. A. RAWSON, TREASURER.

OFFICERS.

E. A. THOMAS, - President. LEVI STOCKBRIDGE, Vice Pres.,
 O. G. COUCH, - - - Clerk, J. A. RAWSON, - Treasurer,
 MISS KATE WARD, - Librarian.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

E. A. THOMAS, PROF. E. P. CROWELL,
 H. F. ALLEN, H. J. CATE, M. D.,
 GEO. CUTLER, P. E. IRISH,
 D. B. N. FISH, M. D., J. A. RAWSON,
 O. G. COUCH, L. H. ALLEN,
 G. M. LOVELL.

NORTH AMHERST LIBRARY REPORT.

The Managers and Treasurer of the Library at North Amherst, herewith present a hastily prepared and brief report, showing, as they think, that the library in this field is doing a good work, and the substantial aid received from the Town, applied where it is doing good, and that continually.

During the year, 100 books have been added by purchase, and 10 received by the kindness of individuals, making the whole number now in the library, 595.

The average number of persons who have drawn books from the library during the year 1876, is about 180, to whom there were issued 2820 books, an average to each person of about 15 books.

The library being kept at the Post Office, it is open at all hours every day and evening, free to all residents of the Town.

F. P. AINSWORTH, IN ACCOUNT WITH NORTH AMHERST LIBRARY.

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To cash received from Town, 1875,	\$100 00
“ “ Town, 1876,	109 00

To cash received from non-residents' fees,	2 00	
		\$202 00

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By cash paid for Commissioner of Corporations for Certificate of Organization,	\$ 5 00	
“ “ Sundry expenses on same,	75	
“ “ Books in New York,	122 16	
“ “ Freight on books,	50	
“ “ Printing labels,	1 75	
“ “ Librarian two years,	50 00	
Balance in Treasury,	21 84	
		\$202 00

F. P. AINSWORTH, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March, 1876,	\$ 403 64
Received of bills payable,	8,300 00
" Academy fund,	300 00
" State Corporation tax,	536 20
" National Bank tax,	1,120 54
" State aid, 1875,	612 00
" State School fund,	253 65
" Liquor Licenses,	513 75
" Auction Licenses,	6 00
" Lockup,	1 00
" West Cemetery, lots sold,	103 00
" North Cemetery, "	15 00
" Dog Fund,	136 97
" School Committee, tuition,	122 25
" Donation for Concrete Walks,	500 00
" Abutters "	899 11
" Collector of Taxes, 1875,	1,379 77
" Collector of Taxes, 1876,	36,853 98
" Interest on Taxes,	73 21
" Overseers of the Poor,	104 95
	\$52,235 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid Outstanding orders,	\$ 798 12
" School Bonds and interest,	770 00
" Military Bond and interest,	748 00
" Agricultural Bond and interest,	1,066 50
" State, County and Bank tax,	7,297 08
" Interest,	11,079 97
" Old debts,	2,435 00
" Temporary Loans,	8,300 00
" Assessors' Abatements,	4 00
" Pauper Orders,	1,904 31
" Public Libraries,	300 00
" Highways,	1,873 25
" Sidewalks,	2,092 28
" Bridges,	303 07
" Fire Department,	918 44
" Contingent expenses,	1,003 47
" Centennial Celebration,	360 00
" Town Officers,	831 45
" Cemeteries,	153 95
" Night Police and Lamps,	750 00
" School Committee,	450 00
" Schools,	8,067 21
" State Aid,	639 00
Balance carried forward,	89 92
	\$52,235 02

TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1st, 1877.

Notes and Bonds,	\$178,200 00
Outstanding Orders,	263 00
	178,463 00

ASSETS.

Due on Taxes,	\$1,700 00
" State Aid,	643 50

Balance in Treasury,	89 92	2,433 42
Town Debt, March 1, 1877,	\$176,029 58	
Debt reduced in 1876,	\$4,757 00	

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To amount of Tax committed in 1876,	\$44,254 44	
By paid Treasurer Sept. 1st,	\$31,129 52	
" 10 per cent discount,	3,493 77	
" 1 per cent paid Collector,	314 44	
" Treasurer, Jan. 1st, 1877,	4,723 47	
" 5 per cent discount,	251 11	
" 1 per cent Collector,	47 71	
" Treas. Corporation and Bank tax,	1,656 74	
" Assessors' abatements,	176 25	
" Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1877,	1,000 99	
" 1 per cent Collector,	10 11	
" Uncollected balance,	1,450 33	44,254 44

S. C. CARTER, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriation 1876.	Unexpended 1875 and other receipts.	Expended.	Unexpended balance for 1877.
For Schools,	\$8,000 00	\$812 87	\$8,630 27	\$182 60
Paupers,	1,500 00	797 04	1,904 31	392 73
Highways,	1,750 00	121 85	1,873 25	
Sidewalks,	500 00	1,399 11	2,092 28	
Bridges,	300 00	1 85	303 07	
Fire Department,	950 00		945 26	4 74
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00	1 43	1,003 47	
Town officers,	1,000 00	23 18	831 45	191 73
Night police,	750 00	10 53	750 00	10 53
Interest,	11,100 00	73 21	11,165 45	7 76
School bonds,	770 00		770 00	
Military bonds,	750 00	14 16	748 00	16 16
Agricultural bonds,	2,520 00	50 00	1,066 50	1,503 50
Libraries,	300 00		300 00	
Centennial celebration			360 00	
County tax,	3,604 36		3,604 36	
State tax,	2,538 00		2,538 00	
Discount,	3,897 39		3,744 88	
Cemeteries,	100 00	122 93	153 95	68 98
Loans,	2,000 00		2,435 00	
Outstanding orders,	600 00		798 12	
Cash, March, 1876,		403 64		
	\$43,929 75	\$3,831 80	\$46,067 62	

Highways exceed receipts,	\$1 40
Sidewalks	87
Bridges	1 22
Contingent	2 04
Loans,	435 00

C. W. LESSEY, } Selectmen
H. INGRAM, } of
A. P. MERRICK, } Amherst.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector, and find them to be correct, and a balance of \$89.92 in the Treasury.

Amherst, Feb. 16, 1877.

D. W. PALMER, AUDITOR.

PAYMENTS OF TOWN DEBT.

YEAR.	School Bonds.	Military Bonds.	Agricultural Bonds.	Railroad Notes.	To meet outstanding Note and State Note. 1888.	To be raised each year.
1877	500	500	2,000		2,000	5,000
1878	500	500	2,000		2,000	5,000
1879	500	500	2,500		2,000	5,500
1880	500	500	2,000		2,000	5,000
1881	500	500	2,000		2,000	5,000
1882	500	500	2,000		2,000	5,000
1883	500	500	2,000		2,000	5,000
1884	500	500	3,000	5,000		*9,000
1885		500	4,000	5,000		*9,500
1886			4,000	5,000		*9,000
1887			2,000	5,000		7,000
1888			2,000	5,000		7,000
1889			2,000	5,000		7,000
1890			2,000	5,000		7,000
1891	Below to pay \$20,000 State Note.		2,000	5,000		7,000
1892			2,000	5,000		7,000
1893			2,000	5,000	Floating Debt.	7,000
1894			2,000	3,000		5,000
1895	2,000			3,000	2,000	7,000
1896	2,000			3,000	2,000	7,000
1897	2,000			3,000	2,000	7,000
1898	2,000			3,000	2,000	7,000
1899	2,000			3,000	2,000	7,000
1900	2,000			3,000		5,000
1901	2,000			3,000		5,000
1902	2,000			3,000		5,000
1903	2,000			3,000		5,000
1904	2,000					2,000

*Academy Fund included.

It is anticipated that the \$30,000 Railroad Note in Amherst Savings Bank, due in 1883, will be renewed to 1894.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF AMHERST :

Your Committee began their work under difficulties. We were entirely unacquainted with the schools. Then we were confronted at the outset with Retrenchment, and have had retrenchment on the brain all the year.

There was a needs be. The times compelled you, and you compelled us. In common with the multitude we had come to a habit of fast living. Money was plenty, prices were inflated, credit was courted and won, until many bubbles of financial prosperity have necessarily burst. It is a pleasure to believe that scrip has had its day, and we are to be able very soon to lay the foundation of our business operations upon the solid basis of gold.

The first work to be done was to survey the school premises and ascertain their needs; then, to calculate the probable amount of money to be placed at our disposal, the reduction of pay for teaching, and the length which, upon these calculations, might be given to the different grades of schools. With commendable readiness teachers of the previous season, in the re-engagement, submitted to a reduction of from one to two dollars per week. Thus it was hoped that the Primaries might be kept 28, and the Intermediates 30 weeks, same as previous year, and the Grammar schools 32 weeks, one less than the last year. It is gratifying to be able to report that each of these schools has kept a week longer than the estimate, and that the High School reaches the length required by law, same as in previous years.

The law requires the Committee to "make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools," containing "such sugges-

tions in relation to the schools as they deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

All the statistics deemed necessary may be found at the end of this report. It does not appear needful to dwell much on details. In general it may be said that the teachers have been earnest and fairly successful workers. Those in the four North schools have well earned a good record, as their several school rooms have uniformly borne witness. The schools in East and South Amherst have had more changes as to teachers, but not to the serious detriment of any. A good show of work by Misses Watson and Dickinson in East Street was made in the Summer, and by Misses Pierce and Hastings in the terms following. The close of the year shows an improved condition in those schools over the opening, as to habits of study and respect for order.

The Mill Valley, South Green, South East, and South West districts, though quite small, have yet been favored with teachers well able to supply their wants, as the order and progress of the children have proved. The South Grammar, under Miss Merrick in Summer, and Miss Bridgman in Fall and Winter, has shown the results of excellent training. At the close of the Summer term, Miss Hubbard, who had taught the First Intermediate quite acceptably, retired, and Miss Hodgkins succeeded her, Miss Jennie Cowles taking her place in the Second Intermediate. Miss Cutter retired from the First Primary, and Miss Robison took her place. Miss Strickland came to that which Miss Robison left in the Second Primary. All of these teachers have been diligent workers, as their work has shown. Tardiness and inconstancy, however, in some of these schools have been a serious drawback. The Second Grammar school, taught in Summer by Miss E. S. Field as principal, with Miss Fannie Cowles as assistant, was found in a condition which required wisdom, skill, experience, and patient perseverance. In their exercise the school was reduced to a good degree of order, and showed very decided improvement in all respects at the close of the term. Miss Field was transferred to the First Grammar school in the Autumn, to take the place of Miss Jackson, whom all were sorry to lose. Miss Fannie Cowles took sole charge of the Second Grammar school in Autumn, and by earnest devotion to her work met all reasonable

expectations. It appeared unwise, however, to continue the instruction of so large a number, (about sixty) at this stage of their education, under one teacher. In the Winter term Miss Mary M. Lyman was employed as assistant half of the time. These teachers have worked well together, and exhibited gratifying results; which would have been still more satisfactory if hindrances from a few irregular, unstudious pupils had not worked against them. Faithful service has been rendered in the First Grammar school. The vacancy made by Miss Jackson has been very acceptably supplied. Hard study and exemplary deportment have characterized a good number of its members, through the year; yet it ought to be said that this school has suffered from a few irregular, unambitious scholars.

Mr. Sanderson closed his labors in the High School at the end of the Summer term. His character as a teacher was well established; hence he was given up with deep regret. A louder call from abroad than our resources warranted us to give, deprived us of his continued service.

Mr. G. L. Smith, who, as assistant, had become acquainted with the school, was called to fill the vacancy. He has proved himself to be well qualified, in all respects, for the position, and commands the entire confidence of his pupils and patrons. Much to the regret of all, the continued ill health of Miss Eastman prevented her resuming work as first assistant, and Miss Tower, who had formerly held the place, occupied it two terms. Gladly would her efficient services have been retained longer, but other duties had a stronger claim. Miss Jennie Dickinson, also a former assistant, is her successor. Miss Harris, as second assistant, has been retained through the year.

On the whole, the year has been a successful one. There has been no prevailing sickness; though some ailments, and bad traveling this Winter, have interfered considerably with the attendance of young children. We have to record the removal by death of one member of the South Grammar,—John Scannel,—and one from the North Primary,—Charles F. Ingram.

The teachers, with hardly an exception, have won our high appreciation; and the work of the year, which began with a debt of about sixty dollars, closes with \$182.60, unexpended.

This is as surprising to us as it is gratifying, and especially, as thirteen of the schools have been extended, each one week beyond those of last year, while the funds at our disposal have been less by more than one thousand dollars.

Although the appended tables furnish a general summary of the schools, yet of the work done they furnish no adequate expression.

The solicitudes, cares, trials of patience, wearing work of the school-room, and the continuous study requisite in preparation for it, cannot be set forth in statistical tables, nor adequately expressed to those who have not learned somewhat from experience. Acquaintance with the schools has served to enhance our high estimation of the graded system. It requires, indeed, much watchful care and labor of teachers and committee, especially in connection with the yearly examinations for promotion. Here, in the actual work of examining candidates, appears the climax of interest which has been a stimulus to all studious, aspiring minds, through the year. Each higher grade attracts that just below it. In the High School is the crowning and wide pervading attraction. To reach this, or take a degree from it, is *the* goal of many a young aspirant's ambition. It is a worthy object. This school is a growing and most salutary power, drawing upward all below it, and exerting an elevating influence on every family in town.

It is gratifying to know that "nearly two hundred of the cities and towns of our state now maintain High Schools. These municipalities embrace more than seven-eighths of the entire population, and more than one-fifth of these towns support such schools of their own free will, without any requirement of the statute. Not only can an excellent English education be obtained in them, but many of them give a thorough preparation for college, and are, in fact, higher institutions than some of the so-called colleges, in some parts of the country." Amherst High School may fairly be classed amongst them. Then it is a normal as well as a classical institution. Of the twenty lady teachers in our service the last term, sixteen were graduates, or have been members, of this school and have their homes with us. Being familiar with the working of our system, and having passed through the drill of this finishing part of the course they labor with special advantage.

The duty of deciding on candidates for promotion is sometimes delicate and difficult. Your Committee have aimed to be conscientious and faithful. They have sometimes yielded to the tearful pleas and promises of poorly fitted scholars, and promoted them on trial, for a limited time. Such trial is usually fruitless of good results.

A good record for deportment and studiousness should always be recognized and have weight in a committee's decisions. Yet, with the best record in these particulars, in promotion there may be waste of a scholar's time, hindrance of his class, and useless trial of his teacher's patience.

The very excellent report of last year contains a paragraph which is well worth transcribing here: "It is no pleasant task to single out those unfit for advancement, and dissuade them from a trial sure to end in failure. Often those least qualified are the slowest to understand their deficiency, and especially when such scholars are encouraged by the persistent demands of their parents. The latter fail to see the trouble, which is in the children themselves."

The Course of Study pursued in our schools is a good one. It would seem, however, to be susceptible of some useful modifications. The elementary branches, spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, U. S. history and *good behavior*, are named in the statutes, to be taught in the grades below the High school.

Of the branches specified to be taken in the High school, Civil Government and Political Economy now have no place. It seems to us that those students who do not contemplate a collegiate course, should at least receive some instruction before graduation, respecting the constitution and laws of our State, and of the United States, and also in the elementary principles of Political Economy.

Too much time is devoted, in our view, to the study of geography. Books of less number, or less compass and cost, may serve a better end. With this in view some change has been initiated, and more may be made with advantage.

In matters of Government and Discipline it is not deemed wise for committees often to interfere with teachers. When aid is sought, or

seems to be needed, it should be promptly given; but as a general rule, when the teacher has trial in any respect with a pupil, and wants help, it is best to communicate directly with parents, frankly revealing her trials, and seeking their counsel and aid. This has been done with happy results the last year. Scholars in the higher grades, if persistently lawless or unstudious, deserve suspension or expulsion; and no teacher ought to be required or expected very long to endure the trial of such pupils. The faithful cooperation of parents will be pretty sure to prove a corrective.

Irregular attendance and tardiness, chronic diseases, still continue in some of our schools, particularly in the Centre. There are pupils here, even in their teens, who, under various false pretenses, continue to be tardy, to be dismissed, or dismiss themselves, to their dishonor and loss. Two men were requested to act as truant officers. They have found but little, if anything, to do; for the reason, probably, that the truants were careful not to be where they were. In the hope of better success in the future, in catching or curing the wayward, we trust there will be a resolute obedience of the motto, "*Try, try again.*"

The School Property, in the care of your Committee, was found in a fair state of preservation. We have done but little, if anything, more than to keep it so. There is a natural, necessary, and an unnecessary wear, in its use, which frequently calls for repairs. The fences at the North Grammar, City, East, South East and South West houses will require special attention the coming season, and some parts of them will need to be rebuilt. Both of the houses in the Centre are suffering for want of paint. The outbuildings connected with these, and with that at East Street, ought to receive some enlargement or other change. Decency and morality call for it.

It is recognized as our duty to have a vigilant eye upon this property, and in cooperation with teachers, to keep the members of the schools impressed with the unmanliness and wrong of abusing the privileges which at so much care and expense have been furnished them. Every scholar who wilfully or carelessly injures your property, ought to meet the expense of repairing it. And we instruct the teachers frequently to inspect all parts of their school premises, trace damages, when noticed, to their sources, if possible, and require prompt mending. We have also endeavored to keep alive the con-

viction that refined personal habits, careful use of books, avoidance of rough sports, and of all social recreations which endanger clothing, limbs, or good temper, are essential to a good education. Without these, and the moral culture underlying and inspiring them, all intellectual gifts and attainments are of comparatively little worth.

Wishing to encourage, in every suitable way, a laudable ambition in the different schools, to excel in the preservation and orderly keeping of the school property, and in tidy personal appearance, and in good behavior, we make particular mention of the North and City Primaries. The school rooms, grounds, and out buildings have been better kept, we think, than any others; and, as we should naturally expect, the manners of the children have corresponded. They are not yet perfect, but it is pleasant to give credit for what they have already attained, in the hope that they will follow after yet higher excellence, and so continue to provoke the other schools to a better culture, and more conscientious care of the school buildings, which have been so liberally provided.

President Woolsey says, "Education consists in Character, Culture, and Knowledge." The saying is all-comprehensive and true. Character, first named, is first in value. A pure, upright, benevolent heart is above all price. Without it one is destitute of the essence of true manhood.

We have endeavored to act in harmony with the truth here expressed, well knowing that all knowledge without character, or without culture, is of little worth; nay, that though one possess it, *he is nothing.*

No amount of good scholarship can atone for the want of these. Bad behavior mars every thing beautiful in one, and makes him an unlovely object. A scholar who is studious, who exhibits good manners, who is promptly and universally obedient to his teacher, kind and affectionate to his school-mates, respectful to his superiors, pure and correct in his speech, everywhere and at all times, commands the love and respect of all, and is on the highway toward a *complete education*.

We most earnestly commend to your consideration the fact that we all share a very responsible part in the education of the young. Our character, culture, knowledge, whatever they are, make a lasting

impression upon the plastic mind of childhood and youth. Upon the parents more than all others depends the question, what shall be the education of the children? Their example, guidance, restraining influence are needed in connection with school work. Home influence must sustain well directed school influence, and harmonize with it. When it is considered that "children are a heritage of the Lord," and that interests are vested in them, compared with which money is as chaff, and honors and titles are as bubbles, there appears a motive seemingly strong enough to command our willing self-sacrifice, and high endeavor that they may be established in good character, polished with good culture, and furnished with all useful knowledge.

If it be true, as has been asserted, that "The real greatness of a State consists not in the extent of its territory, not in the fertility of its soil, not in the richness of its deposits, but in the nobility of its institutions, the justice of its laws, and the virtues of its people," the same is true of the Town.

We are blest, far beyond most towns, in our educational institutions. Let us see to it, that, in the laws we enact, the virtues we cherish, and the provisions we make for the maintenance of those under our care, we prove ourselves worthy of our noble heritage.

RESOURCES.

	1876.	1875.
Appropriation by the Town,	\$8,000 00	\$9,000 00
State Fund,	253 65	288 55
Dog Fund,	136 97	140 93
Academy Fund,	300 00	300 00
*Tuition received,	122 25	165 00
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	\$8,812 87	\$9,894 48

Due for Tuition, \$30.

*\$56 of this from last year.

RESOURCES AND EXPENSES IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

1871-2, \$11,554 69.	Salaries of Teachers,	\$6,617 79
	" Sup't. and Committee,	1,800 00
	Care of School houses,	435 15
1872-3, 13,340 09.	Salaries of Teachers,	7,601 20
	" Sup't. and Committee,	1,850 00
	Care of School houses,	476 33
1873-4, 12,612 42.	Salaries of Teachers,	7,728 42
	" School Committee,	1,000 00
	Care of School houses,	250 00
1874-5, 12,610 39.	Salaries of Teachers,	8,115 05
	" School Committee,	1,100 00
	Care of School houses,	100 00
1875-6, 10,176 22.	Salaries of Teachers,	7,474 97
	" School Committee,	500 00
	Care of School houses,	100 00
1876-7, 8,812 87.	Salaries of Teachers,	6,326 91
	Care of Schools and property,	450 00

The Committee recommend the appropriation of \$8,000 for Schools the ensuing year, and \$700 for repairs, the lowest figures which they dare name, to meet the expense necessary for the wise care of the School property.

EXPENDITURES.

	1876.	1875.
Teachers' Salaries,	\$6,326 91	\$7,474 97
School Committee and care of property,	450 00	600 00
Fuel account,	671 72	457 02
*Repairs, Supplies, and Incidentals,	805 73	943 47
Janitors,	262 85	355 25
Desks and Seats,		63 00
Outstanding Accounts, 1875,	113 06	
Academy Fund,		272 51
Truant Officers,		10 00
	\$8,630 27	\$10,176 22
*Insurance and printing of each year included in incidentals.		
Resources,		\$8,812 87
Expenditures,		8,630 27
Balance,		\$182 60
Unpaid accounts about \$40.		
SCHOOL SUPPLIES, REPAIRS, &c.		
M. Field, repairing clock, etc.,		\$ 2 35
G. A. Guldán, " "		5 00
J. A. Rawson, " "		2 00
A. & N. Dwight, work,		5 50
M. N. Spear, books and stationery,		32 45

Mrs. Ready, work,	3 00
Mrs. Taylor, " "	7 30
Mrs. Toole, " "	3 75
B. M. Dickinson, labor,	75
Marsh & Young, " "	4 10
W. W. Hunt, " "	38 35
J. F. Perkins, " "	2 50
A. McMaster, " "	1 55
M. L. Dickinson, " "	2 00
T. M. Armstrong, " "	15 75
Charles Puffer, " "	2 00
M. L. McCloud, " "	7 00
George Graves, " "	12 58
W. W. Cowles, " "	18 37
J. Perry, " "	3 56
D. W. Blodgett, " "	6 50
L. H. Pomeroy, " "	2 25
Dickinson & Lee, " "	13 35
H. Holland, supplies, glass,	10 70
A. Ingram, " " brooms,	5 15
W. Kellogg, " "	10 91
W. Harkness, erasers,	3 00
C. L. Johnson, " "	1 50
A. B. Culver, key,	20
G. Cutler & Co., cloth,	1 15
I. Dexter, water supply,	3 00
A. Spaulding, curtain,	1 50
W. Conkey, wood-box,	50
B. Marsh, repairs,	50
N. Dickinson, sand,	50
J. E. Boltwood, repairs, etc.,	9 25
M. D. Fletcher, " "	9 00
J. E. Sanderson, " "	2 50
G. Perry, " "	25
F. M. Johnson, " "	75
	\$252 32

*ACADEMIC AND INCIDENTALS.

H. M. McCloud, printing cards, reports, etc.,	\$124 87
R. A. Marsh, " "	3 75
C. H. K. Sanderson, chemicals,	4 45
College Hall,	15 00
E. Nelson, books,	79 59
C. W. Eddy, question papers,	13 90
A. J. George, diplomas,	3 50
H. L. Read, cyclopedia,	12 75
E. H. Ingram, First Century,	6 75
Marsh & Young, book cases,	6 50
M. N. Spear, book	7 40
J. L. Hammett, crayons,	15 00
Union Co., ink,	5 00
J. Ross, ink wells,	15 20
N. L. N. R. R., freight,	1 41
W. Harkness, erasers,	10 50
A. P. Burdell, ink,	6 00
Insurance,	215 84
Tuition, Belchertown,	6 00
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	\$553 41

*Several above accounts met by Academy Fund.

JANITORS.

M. D. Fletcher,	\$ 38 00
F. M. Johnson,	7 00
A. Sanderson,	7 50
B. King and H. Johnson,	7 65
A. R. Dwight,	6 50
G. Perry,	3 50
M. L. Dickinson,	12 00
C. L. Wood,	13 70
E. S. Puffer,	18 00
J. E. Boltwood,	121 00
J. W. Sykes,	11 50

J. Saxton,	3 00
J. Matthews,	3 50
W. Prince and W. Baker,	10 00
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	\$262 85

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid S. H. Curtiss, coal,	\$235 00
O. D. Hunt, " "	167 13
L. Williams, " "	26 40
W. D. Nash, wood,	17 87
G. H. Priuce, " "	78 97
E. R. Eastman, " "	57 50
J. E. Sanderson, " "	39 05
E. H. Needham, " "	15 48
R. B. Bridgman, " "	7 67
M. L. Dickinson, sawing wood,	3 75
F. M. Johnson, " "	50
P. C. Guernsey, " "	1 85
L. E. Dickinson, " "	10 00
S. E. Harrington, " "	5 55
T. Meekins, " "	5 00
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	\$671 72

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. C. Nash,	\$ 50 00
D. W. Hoyt,	50 00
W. H. Beaman,	350 00
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	\$450 00

GRADUATES, 1876.

Sarah Kingman, Lizzie Stebbins, Flora Willis, Mary Lothrop,
Adda Spaulding, Howard Bliss, William White.

SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOOL YEAR.	No. PUPILS.	TEACHERS.	SALARIES.
High.	36	S. A. W. 71-92-92 Average. 49-80-80 Sen. 12, Jun. 15, Soph. 26, Fresh. 39.	C. H. K. Sanderson, one term, G. L. Smith, two terms, Miss K. A. Tower, two terms, " Jennie Dickinson, one term, " M. E. Harris, three terms,	\$427 78 694 50 312 00 156 00 353 03
1st Grammar.	33	37-43-40 Average. 34-37-36	" Laura Jackson, one term, " E. S. Field, two terms,	121 00 242 00
2d Grammar.	33	57-59-59 Average. 51-49-52	" E. S. Field, one term, " F. C. Cowles, assistant one term, " F. C. Cowles, principal, two terms,	121 00 93 50 232 00
North Grammar.	33	27-26-30 Average. 24-25-29	" M. M. Lyman, assistant half the time, " M. E. Roberts, three terms,	37 60 297 00
South Grammar.	33	15-21-26 Average. 13-18-18	" E. H. Merrick, one term, " M. L. Bridgman, two terms,	99 00 187 00
1st Intermediate.	31	45-43-45 Average. 39-39-41	" L. C. Hubbard, one term, " E. E. J. Hodgkins, two terms,	90 00 189 00
2d Intermediate.	31	40-40-42 Average. 37-36-38	" E. E. J. Hodgkins, one term, " J. L. Cowles, two terms,	90 00 178 50
No. Intermediate.	31	23-32-32 Average. 21-31-30	" K. G. Roberts, three terms,	263 50
E. Intermediate.	31	35-34-34 Average. 29-28-19	" L. W. Watson, one term, " A. L. Pierce, two terms,	85 00 168 00
North Primary.	29	48-43-37 Average. 38-34-33	" L. R. Eastman, three terms,	232 00
East Primary.	29	44-39-35 Average. 36-34-29	" L. M. Dickinson, one term, " A. M. Hastings, two terms,	72 00 160 00
1st Primary.	29	35-31-31 Average. 32-29-28	" L. V. Cutter, one term, " M. M. Robison, two terms,	72 00 160 00
2d Primary.	29	52-44-44 Average. 37-38-34	" M. M. Robison, one term, " F. M. Strickland, two terms,	72 00 160 00
City Primary.	29	26-29-24 Average. 23-26-21	" M. D. Field, three terms,	232 00
Mill Valley.	29	23-19-18 Average. 20-17-14	" J. L. Cowles, one term, " J. Cooley, two terms,	63 00 130 00
South Green.	29	16-16-13 Average. 13-15-10	" F. M. Strickland, one term, " M. A. Spaulding, two terms,	54 00 120 00
South East.	29	20-21-19 Average. 18-20-16	" A. L. Pierce, one term, " J. A. Pomeroy, two terms,	58 50 130 00
South West.	29	16-17-18 Average. 14-14-16	" J. M. Needham, three terms,	174 00

COMPENSATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The law says, "The members of the School Committee shall be paid, in towns, two dollars and a half, each, a day, for the time they are actually employed in the discharge of the duties of their office, together with such other additional compensation as the Town may allow." Your Committee agreed, at the outset, to keep an account of time spent. It was comparatively easy to do this with reference to visits, committee meetings, and general examinations; but experience proved that, in meeting the numberless calls for information, advice, correspondence, supplies, &c., &c., this was quite impossible. It is safe, however, to state that had an account been made of all the time and expense, actually devoted to the care of the Schools, with a moderate charge for travel, the amount would have been much larger than is presented.

In closing our report we desire to express grateful acknowledgements for the kind manner in which our fellow citizens have shown their appreciation of our endeavors; for the good spirit in which teachers have obeyed our instructions, and heeded our known wishes; for the very courteous attention which our predecessors in office have given to the many questions which, in our new and untried position, we have had occasion to ask them; and for the prompt and efficient help in all things pertaining to finances, of our ever faithful, accurate Town Treasurer. We only regret that, with all the favor thus shown, our short comings are not less apparent and less real than we feel them to be.

May He, whose we are, and whom we should seek with sincere hearts to serve, bless our efforts for the education of the children and youth of this favored town.

W. H. BEAMAN, }
H. C. NASH, } Committee.
D. W. HOYT, }

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1877.

For School Teachers and Supplies,	\$8,000 00
School Repairs and Committee,	700 00
Paupers,	2,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks,	1,600 00
Concrete Sidewalks,	500 00
Bridges,	400 00
Fire Department,	600 00
Contingent Expenses,	1,000 00
Town Officers,	1,000 00
Interest Money,	10,900 00
School Bonds,	740 00
Military Bonds,	725 00
Agricultural Bonds,	2,492 00
Town Debt,	3,000 00 6,957 00
Police and Lamps,	700 00
Outstanding orders,	400 00

C. W. LESSEY, }
S. C. CARTER, } Committee.
W. H. BEAMAN, }

ARTICLES

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 5TH, 1877.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurymen selected by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and General School Committee, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 5. To choose a member of the General School Committee for one year, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of E. A. Thomas.

ARTICLE 6. To choose an Elector under the provisions of the will of the late Oliver Smith.

ARTICLE 7. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the year ensuing, and to make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the free Public Libraries in Amherst.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will accept the Act of 1874, Chapter 107, concerning Sidewalks.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen^{and} Overseers of the Poor

AND ASSESSORS

FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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